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LOYOLA TEAMS FACE CRUCIAL TESTS THIS WEEKEND

The season is only two weeks old and already it's a crucial moment Saturday for Loyola's varsity football Warriors as they play host to Bishop's University Gaitsers in a 2 o'clock game at the Loyola field.

The Central Canada Intercollegiate Football Conference contest will decide undisputed possession of first place in the league's east division. Both the Warriors and Gaitsers go into the game with perfect 2-0 won-lost records.

The game will likely go a long way in deciding the east section championship.

Coach Bill Betts' soccer Warriors also have an important match on the weekend, this one slated for St. Jean against College Militaire Royal Friday afternoon. It will be the second meeting of the season between the two teams. The St. Jean cadets gave the Warriors a real run for their money 1½ weeks ago before finally bowing 1-0 with seven minutes remaining in the game.

It looks like a battle between Loyola and Royal Military College of Kingston for the Ottawa-St. Lawrence varsity soccer honors this year, although CMR could surprise. The Kingston cadets blanked their arch-rivals from CMR 3-0 in a previous OSL game.

Two preliminary events Saturday, prior to the all-important varsity football clash, see coach Pat Duffy's jayvee football Braves taking on McGill Indians at McGill in a 10:30 a.m. game; and at noon on the Loyola campus, Harry Hus' jayvee soccer squad plays a rematch with Universite de Sherbrooke's varsity.

Loyola's jayvee gridgers pulled out a 7-6 squeaker over the Sherbrooke varsity team last Saturday. But the Braves will be without Dave Zappia, Saturday, as the latter was promoted to the varsity squad after his fine play last week. Linebacker Steve Deherly, who suffered a knee injury in last week's opener will also be missing.

Loyola trainer Ed Nowalkoski reports a rash of injuries to the varsity Warriors as a result of their bruising game with Universite de Montreal Carabins last Saturday, including a shoulder bruise to halfback Frank Belvedere; and ankle injury to Claude Beaudry and a knee bruise to George Schwalb.

"But I should have everyone at full speed come kickoff time", promised Nowalkoski.

Head Coach George Dixon, after meeting with his scouts this week commented: "Bishop's will be our toughest test to date. Bruce Coulter and Al Grazys really hustled while recruiting the Montreal area last year. In fact they even lured two of Montreal's top high school athletes away from us."

Dixon was referring to Ron Peronne of Lower Canada College and Larry Smith of Hudson High. Both have been instrumental in the Gaiters' two victories.

While the Warriors blanked U de M 28-0 last Saturday, Bishop's didn't have much for trouble disposing of the Carabins two weeks ago, defeating them 36-13.

The Gaiters scored two unanswered touchdowns in the last quarter last Saturday to upset RFC 14-7 right on the latter's home field. RFC with 27 returning lettermen were preseason favorites to win the eastern section of the CCIFC.

Coulter and company who have specialized in a punishing ground attack to date have promised to give the Warriors more of the same come Saturday.